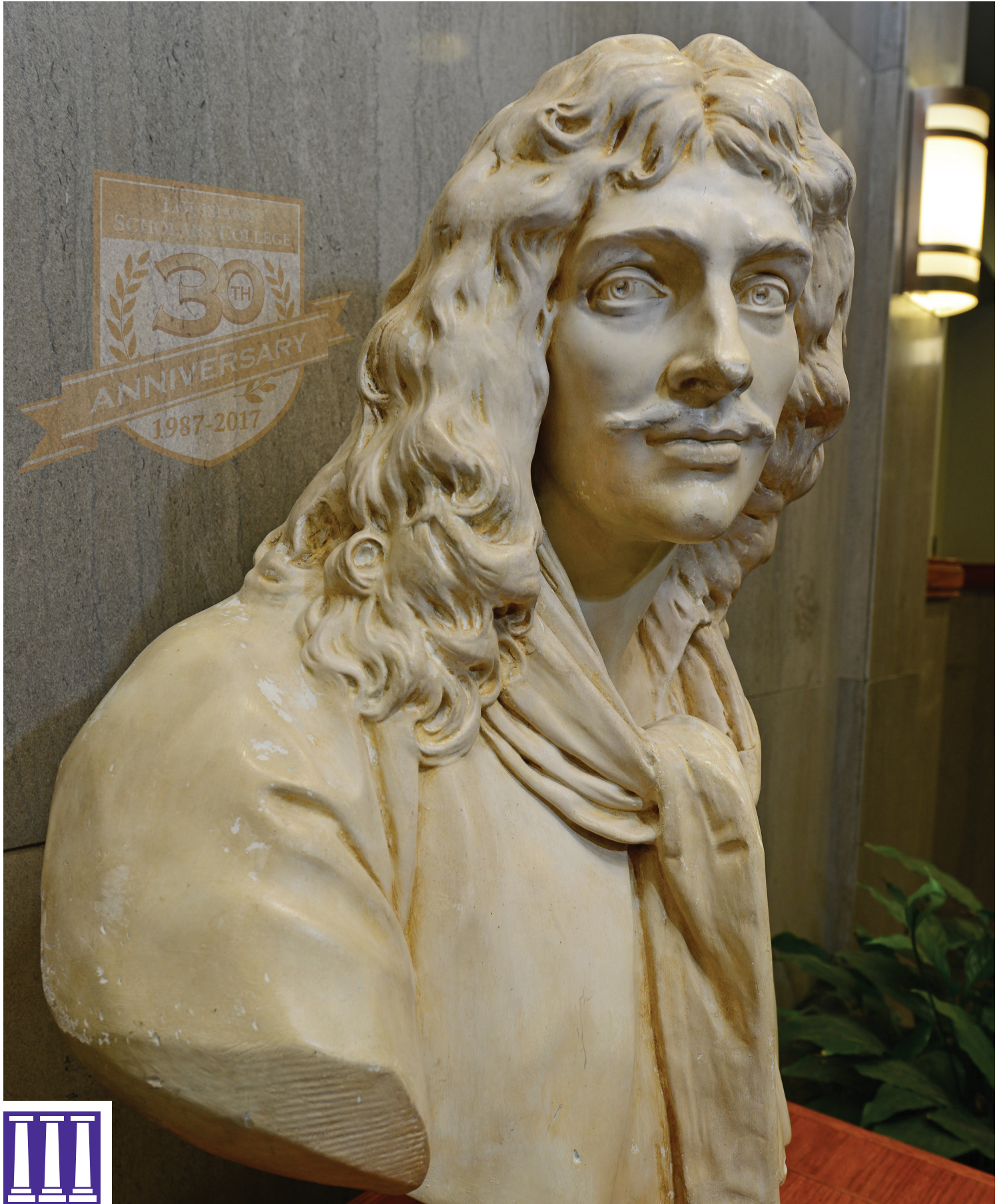


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*Dr. Jim Henderson
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By now you know that as of Jan. 1, 2017, I begin my new role as president of the University of Louisiana System, a transition in which I will have expanded involvement in shaping the future of our alma mater and the eight other schools in the UL System.

It is impossible for me to adequately express what a privilege it was to lead this university for the last two years and how deeply appreciative I am to those who supported our work, believed in a new vision for Northwestern State, and worked to raise NSU to higher levels of achievement and excellence.

Northwestern, as I have stated many times, is blessed with some of the most knowledgeable and creative people in higher education in Louisiana and far beyond. The vast pool of talent and energy here will ensure the continued success of our school regardless of who is serving as president. Our faculty and the Leadership Team are committed to executing our strategic plan, a plan focused on preparing students for life and career success and giving our employers a competitive advantage. I could not be more confident in the accelerating success of our university.

In this time of immense challenge and limitless opportunity for higher education, effective leadership for the universities of Louisiana at the system level is paramount. I intend to work towards making every university in the University of Louisiana System as strong and effective as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and assistance and for making our association with Northwestern State so gratifying and enjoyable for me, Tonia and our family.

Fork 'Em, Demons.



*Drake Owens
2004, 2005
Assistant Vice
President of External
Affairs for University
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Dear alumni,

I have written recently about change here on campus and we know that change in life and in work is inevitable. Change often means growth and we wish our friend Dr. Jim Henderson well as he moves into a role that will have great impact in higher education throughout Louisiana. It has been a privilege to have been part of his administration and I speak for all of us in saying that we will work very hard to ensure that the momentum of the last two years continues.

Another measure of growth at Northwestern State is the increasingly generous engagement of our young alumni. The Millennial generation is statistically the most socially-connected and cause-driven demographic in the

United States today and as they enter the workforce, they recognize the importance of supporting education and leadership development. You can read about these young alumni and how they are helping our current students on Page 11.

We begin the new year with plans to celebrate one of Northwestern State's most valuable assets, the 30th anniversary of the Louisiana Scholars' College. Preparations have also already begun for another stunning commencement and recognition for our 50 year graduates. The future is bright and Northwestern State's best days still lie ahead of us.

I wish you a healthy and productive 2017.

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Students pen notes of gratitude at third annual Thank A Donor Day

Northwestern State University's third annual Thank A Donor Day drew over 500 students, student-athletes, coaches, faculty and staff to pen notes of thanks to individuals who support scholarships at the university. The event, a partnership between the NSU Foundation and the Demons Unlimited Foundation, encourages students to acknowledge the generosity of those who contribute to student and student-athlete scholarships and connect donors to the students who are benefitting from their contributions. "It's a chance for us to really remind our students of the impact that donors make in their experience here at Northwestern State," said Assistant Director of Development Tiffany Chasteen. For information on contributing to student scholarships, contact Chasteen at (318) 357-5213 or email chasteent@nsula.edu.

Former Mr. and Miss Northwesterns congratulate 2016 honorees



Several former Mr. and Miss NSU alumni congratulated the 2016 honorees during a reunion in October. From left are NSU President Dr. Jim Henderson, Gregg Manning, Brittany McConathy, Cody Whitaker, Matt Whitaker, A.J. Kennedy, Karen Murphy Hillis, Lytt and Cynthia Allen, T.J. Gorham, Stan Powell, Leighann Westfall, Reginald Horton, Jimmy Berry, Leonard Blanton, Pam Haley, Russell Bienvenu, Lucy Joiner Hearn, Martha Koury, Melissa Kelly and Dr. Chris Maggio.

On the cover: The bust of the French playwright and actor Molière (1722-1673) that resides in Morrison Hall, home of the Louisiana Scholars' College, was discovered in the basement of Russell Hall when the Scholars' College was originally located there in 1987. According to Dr. Lisa Wolffe, a statue of Nike was also found there and is also now located in Morrison. "Nike, a gift to NSU from the class of 1920, had a broken wing and it was going to cost too much to fix it so Molière was given 'pride of place,'" Wolffe said. "Some of my colleagues were convinced that it was a bust of Descartes but I was able to show them that the original is in the Théâtre Français in Paris." The Louisiana Scholars' College moved from Russell Hall to Morrison Hall in 1996.

Henderson takes helm at UL System

Dr. Jim Henderson begins his role as president of the University of Louisiana System as of Jan. 1, 2017. Henderson, who served as president of Northwestern State for two years, was nominated and selected in October by unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors to head the system that includes Northwestern State and either other institutions in Louisiana.

"It is with a deep sense of humility and appreciation that I accept this prestigious position even though I obviously have some mixed emotions about leaving a university that has been such an important part of my life," Henderson said. "Part of my heart will always be with Northwestern and its people. But the system presidency will allow me to maintain a close association with my alma mater and the Natchitoches community and at the same time provide opportunities to create a positive impact on higher education statewide."

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During Henderson's tenure, Northwestern State's enrollment increased by 9 percent with a gain of 7 percent for the Fall 2016 semester that was the largest numerical and percentage increase among University of Louisiana schools. The university also established numerous new and realigned market-responsive academic programs to better serve business, industry and graduates entering the workforce. Other highlights include enhanced activities and experiences for students, upgraded campus facilities, expanded marketing initiatives, innovative recruitment programs and substantial increases in fund-raising and alumni engagement.

Henderson said he will work diligently with the Board of Supervisors to help make schools in the University of Louisiana System stronger and more vibrant in times that have been challenging for higher education.

"Louisiana's colleges and universities have been dramatically affected by budget cuts and other crises for nearly a decade, and a sea change in policies, direction and strategies will be required to reinstate our institutions to the position of prominence which they deserve. The system office will be at the forefront of those efforts in the years ahead," Henderson said.

The University of Louisiana System governs Northwestern State, Louisiana Tech University, Grambling State University, University of Louisiana-Lafayette, University of New Orleans, Nicholls State University, University of Louisiana-Monroe,



McNeese State University and Southeastern Louisiana University. Total enrollment of system schools is more than 90,000.

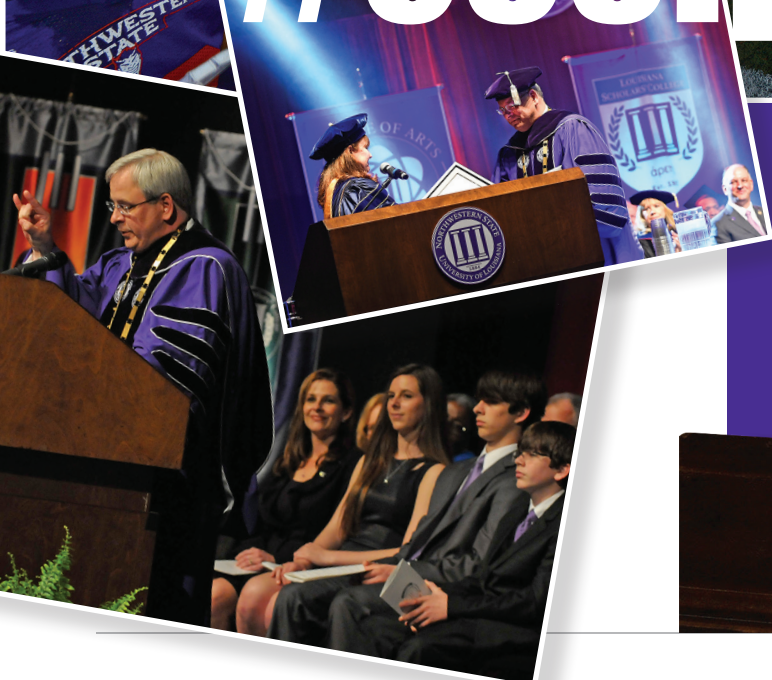
Henderson has extensive experience in higher education and state government. Prior to serving as NSU's 18th president, he was chancellor of Bossier Parish Community College after serving as senior vice president for Career and Technical Education for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. Earlier in his career, Henderson was director of Administration and Workforce Development for the Louisiana Department of Labor and worked in the private sector in hotel management for 10 years before beginning his service in state government.

A native of Shreveport, Henderson is a 1994 graduate of Northwestern with a bachelor's degree in journalism and English. He earned a master's degree in administration from the University of West Florida and a doctorate in management from the University of Maryland-University College. His wife, Tonia Istre Henderson, earned a degree at Northwestern State in 1993.





Henderson, often referred to as #coolprez, built a strong rapport with the university community through social media, personal accessibility and his presence at campus functions.



Spotlights

Prof. Gail S. Stephenson was among four Southern University Law Center faculty members promoted to the rank of full professor last fall.

Stephenson is the Louisiana Outside Counsel A. A. Lenoir Endowed Professor and director of the Law Center's Legal Analysis and Writing Program. Her research focuses on culturally diverse teaching, Louisiana civil procedure and civil law notaries. Her publications have appeared in the *Louisiana Law Review*, the *Loyola Law Review*, the *Southern University Law Review*, the *Journal of Gender, Race, and Justice* and the *Cumberland Law Review*. Stephenson is also considered the state's foremost expert of the law of notaries.

She earned a B.A. with honors from Northwestern State in 1976, where she was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, Purple Jackets and the Political Science Honor Society. She earned a juris doctorate from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1984, where she was a member of the Louisiana Law Review and Order of the Coif. She was inducted into the Paul M. Hebert Hall of Fame in 1987.



Gail Stephenson

Charlie Vienne, a 1991 graduate of Northwestern State, was named associate vice president for Alumni Relations at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. Vienne's title change from director of alumni relations is reflective of his work and leadership with SHSU alumni program.

Vienne has worked in the SHSU alumni office for 10 years where he worked effectively with the alumni board and other leaders to develop one of the nation's emerging and outstanding alumni programs. During his tenure, the SHSU alumni association experienced dramatic increases in membership support, endowments, engagement and program quality. According to SHSU administrators, Vienne has built a solid team that works collaboratively within the Advancement Division at SHSU and has developed relationships with association leaders and alumni that contributed to SHSU's success in fund raising and image enhancement.

Vienne began his career at SHSU in 2006 as assistant director of Alumni Relations after working as assistant athletic director for external relations at Northwestern State. Later that year, he was named director for the department.

He and his wife, Kristy Gray Vienne (1999), assistant vice president for Student Services at SHSU, have two daughters, Jensen and Madilyn.

Gregory Rachal (1973) was named president of Oilfield Helping Hands (OHH), a nonprofit charitable organization comprised of volunteers devoted to providing financial assistance to oilfield workers in financial crisis. As president of OHH, Rachal will ensure that OHH remains a premier support resource for oilfield families in crisis within six regional chapters in active oilfield communities across the U.S. Since it was founded in 2003, OHH has raised more than \$3.3 million for more than 300 families affected by financial hardships.

Rachal has extensive experience in drilling fluids,

previously holding positions with M-I SWACO and Halliburton in sales, product line and account management, operations and project management across the U.S. and working with major and independent operators in the Houston and New Orleans markets. He holds a bachelor of science degree in industrial art from Northwestern State and post-graduate qualifications in management and computer science from Tulane University in New Orleans.

Frank Jabbia, principal of Northshore High School, was named 2016-17 High School Principal of the Year by the St. Tammany Parish Public School System. Jabbia was also selected as a semi-finalist in the 2017 Louisiana Principal of the Year program held by the Louisiana Department of Education, which honors the most exceptional school leaders from systems across the state. He will be honored at the Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Symposium in Baton Rouge July 15 where the state winners will be announced.

Jabbia has been principal at Northshore High since 2013, having previously served as assistant principal and administrative assistant. He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education and health at NSU in 1994 and a master of education degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Former students of **Irma Stockwell Taylor** gathered to honor the memory of their teacher who was the director of the speech and hearing clinic, as well as the professor of speech and hearing at Northwestern State College, now NSU. "Irma's Girls" gathered to exchange fond stories of their teacher, who passed away in 1995. "All of 'Irma's Girls' went on post graduation to become special education directors, supervisors, coordinators, instructional specialists and speech and language pathologists in both public and private school settings," said Marsha Whitford, former student. "All were influenced both professionally and personally by Irma Stockwell Taylor, who was a mentor as well as a cherished friend."



NSU President Dr. Jim Henderson cut the ribbon on Northwestern State University's new rappelling tower during a program hosted by NSU's Department of Military Science in conjunction with Military Appreciation Day. The tower is located across from the James A. Noe Armory at the northwest corner of Turpin Stadium and was constructed through the coordinated efforts of the 1020th and 1022nd Engineer Companies, NSU Facility Services and NSU Army ROTC. In addition to the ribbon cutting, Military Appreciation Day included acknowledgements for servicemen, servicewomen and their families.



On the Bookshelf

A new book edited by Patricia A. Matthew, an associate professor of English at Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey, examines discrimination among faculty of color in higher education. "Written/Unwritten: Diversity and the Hidden Truths of Tenure."

Matthew earned her M.A. at Northwestern State in 1995.

"Written/Unwritten" reveals that faculty of color often face two sets of rules when applying for reappointment, tenure, and promotion: those made explicit in handbooks and faculty orientations or determined by union contracts and those that operate beneath the surface. It is this second, unwritten set of rules that disproportionately affects faculty who are hired to "diversify" academic departments and then expected to meet ever-shifting requirements set by tenured colleagues and administrators.

Matthew and her contributors reveal how these implicit processes undermine the quality of research and teaching in American colleges and universities. They also show what is possible when universities persist in their efforts to create a diverse and more equitable professorate. These narratives hold the academy accountable while providing a pragmatic view about how it might improve itself and how that improvement can extend to academic culture at large.

The book is available through the University of North Carolina Press. For more information, visit uncpress.unc.edu/books/13734.



Northwestern State University honored three alumni as the inaugural recipients of university alumni awards. From left are Associate Director of Alumni Affairs Vanner Erikson, Alumni Volunteer of the Year Nicole Gray, Outstanding Young Alumnus Dr. Cade Brumley, Distinguished Alumnus Tommy Chester and Monty Chicola, president of the NSU Alumni Association.

Outstanding Alumni recognized with Distinguished Service Awards

Northwestern State University recognized three outstanding alumni with distinguished service awards during the university's Homecoming festivities Oct. 22. Honorees were Tommy Chester, Distinguished Alumnus; Dr. Cade Brumley, Outstanding Young Alumnus, and Nicole Shunte Gray, Alumni Volunteer of the Year. Each award is presented to a Northwestern graduate who has exhibited dedication and loyalty to the university's programs and missions and has demonstrated continued interest in service to the NSU as a volunteer, donor or advocate.

The Distinguished Alumnus award is presented to an alumnus who has a demonstrated record of service to NSU and long-term interest in serving the university. The recipient must have graduated at least 10 years prior to nomination and must be 40 years of age or older at the time of nomination.

Chester earned a bachelor's degree in 1967 and a master's in 1969 from Northwestern State where he played baseball and was inducted into Phi Delta Kappa honor society. After graduation, he taught chemistry and biology in two parishes before working in student affairs at Louisiana College and Louisiana Tech University. He has been a State Farm agent since 1977 and has been involved with Northwestern and with his community, serving as president of the Arcadia Jaycees and as a state officer, president of the Lion's Club, board member of Cedar Creek School and commissioner of Dixie Baseball in Arcadia.

Since moving to Natchitoches, he has been involved with the Natchitoches Parish Police and Fire Board, serving as it's NSU delegate, and the board of the Boys and Girls Club of El Camino Real. He has been a member and is past president of the NSU Alum-

ni Association and Demons Unlimited. He is a deacon at First Baptist Church and a member of the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches. His and his wife Cindy have been married 48 years and have three children and five grandchildren.

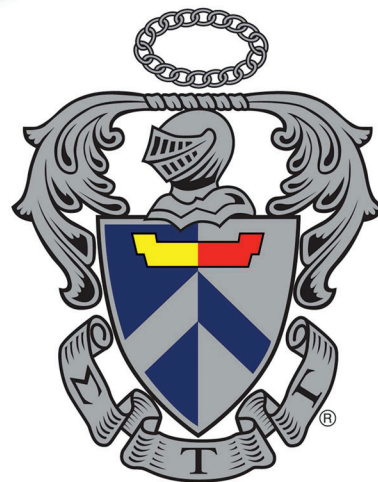
The Outstanding Young Alumnus Award is presented to a young alumnus has demonstrated an early record of service to Northwestern State. Recipients must be 40 years old or younger at the time of nomination.

Brumley has served as superintendent for the DeSoto Parish School District since 2012. During his tenure, DeSoto Parish has vaulted to the top third of Louisiana districts for academic achievement and currently ranks second in the state for rate of academic improvement. Graduation rates have increased from 79 to 96 percent, the largest gain in Louisiana and the district's ACT gains are ranked first in

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Sig Tau reunion this April

A reunion for members of the Nu Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity will be held April 28-30, 2017.



For more information, contact Vanner Erikson at (318) 357-4415 or email eriksonv@nsula.edu or Bob Pina at rjp6146@aol.com.

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Louisiana for rate of improvement.

Brumley regularly speaks on educational leadership and organizational health and is the author of "Leadership Standards in Action: A School Principal as Servant-Leader." He owns and operates Brumley Consulting, a leadership development group that supports the needs of districts, schools and non-profits seeking to improve professional practices. He is actively involved with Northwestern State University alumni engagement initiatives, with professional initiatives, with his church and his community and has been recognized with many honors in those areas.

Brumley earned a bachelor's degree in education at Northwestern State in 2002, a master's in education at Louisiana State University-Shreveport in 2004 and a doctor of education in leadership from Stephen F. Austin University in 2007. He is a 2010 graduate of the Harvard University Superintendent's Academy and a fellow in the Broad Superintendent's Academy. He and his wife, the former Toni Vail, also a graduate of Northwestern State, are the parents of two boys.

The Volunteer of the Year award is

given to a member of the NSU Alumni Association who demonstrates an exemplary record of volunteering time, talents and service to the Alumni Association and demonstrates active involvement with a chapter, alumni interest group, affiliate program, NSU Alumni Board or other forums of volunteer service to the university.

Gray has been a strong advocate for NSU and its growth, having organized and established the NSU Black Alumni Alliance, which promotes the expansion of the alumni network. In 2008, she established the James Oliphant Memorial Football Scholarship, which is named for her father, a 1977 graduate of NSU. She currently serves on the executive committees for the Northwestern State University Foundation Board of Directors and the Demons Unlimited Foundation Board of Directors. She also serves on the fundraising committee and is a member of the Dallas chapter of the Northwestern State University Alumni Association. She has a strong alumni presence both on and off the campus with a primary mission of helping others achieve a quality education.

Gray graduated from Northwestern

State with a degree in journalism in 1994. As a student, she was president of the student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Public Relations Society of America and Northwestern's first student chapter of the NAACP. She also competed in the 1992 Lady of the Bracelet pageant and was selected to represent Northwestern State at Texas A&M's annual Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference.

With more than 20 years of experience as a writer and editor, Gray began her career in journalism at the Houston Chronicle and later developed an interest in business writing. She currently works for Ernst & Young as assistant director communications and pursuit strategy and co-owns a personal training facility in Carrollton, Texas. She is also an active member of the Professional Women's Network, which supports women's leadership and career development within her firm.

The honorees were recognized Saturday, Oct. 22, along with other special guests, during the Homecoming football game.

Scholars' College marks 30th anniversary



The Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State will celebrate the 30th anniversary of its establishment in 2017 with events and reunions set for October 20-22. The College was created in 1987 as the states' only designated honors college in the liberal arts and sciences and since its inception has attracted students drawn to an affordable liberal arts education.

The philosophy behind Scholars' is that serious study in the central disciplines of the arts and sciences is the best preparation for all aspects of life. Central to classroom learning is the seminar format, which allows for exchange of ideas between students and professors and teaches students how to work toward understanding, how to present and defend ideas clearly and how to accept the views of others in a professional manner. To graduate, students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and complete a senior thesis. Classes are small and with an enrollment of just under 200, students and faculty form a close community.

"Scholars' is ideal for the kind of student who is intellectually curious, who wants to have their horizons broadened, who wants to look at things from multiple perspectives, who wants to be challenged and is willing to work very hard," said Dr. Kirsten Bartels, who was appointed director last summer. "Our students are intellectually curious and very driven."

The core curriculum combines great books-based courses with classes in mathematics and the sciences to provide students with a foundation for focused study in a traditional major or in one of the College's concentrations: humanities and social thought, scientific inquiry, fine and performing arts, foreign language (French) or philosophy, politics and law. Tuition is the same as a regular NSU student and many received scholarships.

Though times and technology have changed the student experience over the last 30 years, the Scholars' College comprehensive and interdisciplinary curriculum has continued to draw students who love learning.

"I don't think Scholars' has changed much. They are still pursuing academic excellence from the 1990s to today," said

Carmella Parker, who graduated from Scholars' in 1999 and, like nearly all Scholars' students, pursued advanced degrees. After earning an undergraduate degree from Scholars' and NSU's School of Business in business administration with a minor in liberal arts equivalent to a minor in Latin, she went on to earn a law degree and certificate in international studies from Loyola University and an M.B.A. from the University of New Orleans.

Parker is now an assistant professor in NSU's School of Business where she instructs classes in business law, cyber business law, international business, personal finance, hotel marketing and hotel law and is the coordinator of outreach and special projects.

"I am all over the place academically, and Scholars' students are pretty much all like that," she said.

Because of the small student/faculty ratio and because many professors spend years teaching in Scholars', the College has fostered many of its own traditions. College colors are green and white and the College motto translates from the Greek as "virtue" or "excellence," which reflects the College's ideals. Students and faculty host regular food fairs and game nights, a Halloween murder mystery night in Morrison Hall and a barbecue for graduating seniors, which at one time featured seniors dressed up as the personification of their senior theses. At the senior barbecue, seniors place their hands on the bust of Moliere that resides in the foyer of Morrison Hall, announce the title of their theses and are dubbed educated.

"For me, the most important milestones are the different success stories of our various graduates. They are in very diverse positions all over the world," said Dr. Lisa Wolffe, who has been on faculty at Scholars' since its inception. "I have spent my whole career at Scholars'. I taught in France and I taught at UT-Austin and Texas A&M but I finished my Ph.D. while I was here and so I feel that this was my career. I am the last of the original faculty members who helped form the curriculum and who taught the first students. I think that Scholars' forms citizens and scholars who are well-rounded and involved in life."

Bartels has an open door policy and students frequently stop by to visit. She was previously director of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois and said that the size of the college and its affordability are attractive to students. For her, the people in Scholars' make a difference.

"There is a strong sense of community. The students help each other excel and reach their full potential. This is not a place for narrow-mindedness," she said, adding that with Scholars', good is never good enough.

"I want Scholars' College to be the best liberal arts experience on the planet and I think we can do that," Bartels said. "We are looking for ways to make sure we are creating opportunities in the best interest of students, faculty and university as a whole."

More information on the Louisiana Scholars' College is available at nsula.edu/scholars.



Dr. Davina McClain lectures in the courtyard outside Morrison Hall.



The Louisiana Scholars' College presented Jimmy Long Sr. with an honorary diploma upon the College's 20th anniversary in 2007. Long was instrumental in envisioning and establishing the College. As the honor was presented, he and wife, Dot Long, touched the head of Moliere, a Scholars' College tradition for graduating seniors.



Scholars' students - 1988



Scholars' students - 2003

Millennial graduates giving back to Northwestern State

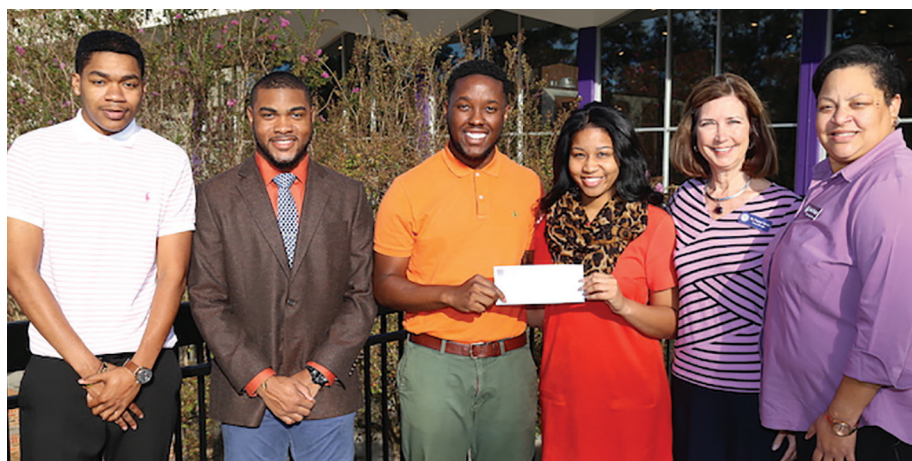
A common characteristic among socially-conscious Millennials is their interest in sustainability and giving back. Last year, four recent Northwestern State graduates initiated scholarships through the NSU Foundation to help their peers achieve their education goals.

Trevor McCray, a 2015 graduate, created a scholarship to benefit young minority males seeking a degree, while honoring his mother, a single parent. McCray created the Davis-McCray Minority Male Scholarship with eligibility open to undergraduate students in any major to be awarded in the amount of \$500 for two semesters. The first scholarship will be awarded for this fall.

"I'm hoping to give someone a better opportunity than I had going through my undergraduate journey with a financial struggle. I also hope to give someone the opportunity to excel at their studies without the burden of financial crisis bearing down on them," McCray said. "My ultimate aspiration with this scholarship is to encourage minority males that regardless of their situation, through ambition, strength and leadership, there is nothing they cannot conquer. The greatest gift to me is to bless others, after I've been blessed."

Other recent Millennial donors are 1st Lt. Brittany Jeanice, a 2013 graduate who created the Jeanice Leadership and Excellence Scholarship, and Chantasia Grasty, a 2016 graduate who created the Grasty International Scholarship for international students studying at Northwestern State.

"It is important for our generation to know they are helping others and making a positive impact right here at Northwestern," said Kimberly Gallow, one of NSU's Development officers who set the example by creating the Kimberly K. Gallow Minority Scholarship to benefit minority students majoring in business administration. Gallow is a 2015 graduate who joined the Development staff a year ago and has been instrumental in increasing engagement among young alumni through social media and fostering growth in online networking. "Because I work in Development and I meet



2015 graduate Trevor McCray of Baton Rouge was joined by friends and mentors as he announced the creation of a Northwestern State University scholarship for minority males. The Davis-McCray Minority Male Scholarship also honors his mother, a single parent. From left are Kendrick Payne of Shreveport, a business administration student; Mr. NSU 2016 T.J. Gorham of Alexandria, a social work student; McCray, Assistant Director of Development Kimberly Gallow, Dean of Students Frances Conine and Assistant Director of Student Support Services Jamie Flanagan.

students with financial needs, I know how important scholarships, internships and other opportunities are to our students and it is rewarding to connect them to those who want to help."

McCray is a graduate of Scotlandville Magnet High School in Baton Rouge and earned a degree in criminal justice with a minor in pre-law and paralegal studies at Northwestern last December. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education at Louisiana State University. "When I started college, I had the hardest time applying for and receiving scholarships that focus solely on minority males. I told myself, 'You will make this process easier for someone else,'" McCray said. "My main reason for starting this scholarship was to make the process easier for minority males and to let minority males know that there are resources out there to help them along the way as they further their academic excellence."

At NSU, McCray was a member of Helping Hands community service organization, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, where he served as vice president and treasurer, and the Student Government Association where he was Senator of the Year, Commissioner of the Year and treasurer. He was also a member of the Criminal Justice Club, NAACP, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and Order of Omega, where he served on disciplinary, traffic and appeals committees. He was a member of the Homecoming Honor Court, served as election board chairman and was an on-campus resident assistant.

McCray included his mother's maiden name, Davis, in the scholarship as a way to honor her. He described his mother, Casandra M. Davis, as "a powerful, intelligent and caring lady that never asked for much and has gone without to make sure everyone else had what they need."

"To give my mother this honor may not be much to others, but to me this is my way of expressing to my mother that everything that she has done for me has definitely been appreciated and noticed," McCray said.

"My reason for naming my scholarship Davis-McCray Minority Male Scholarship was because I took my father's last name, who left my mom and I at an early age. I told my mother before she leaves this world I wanted to do something in honor of her, so I decided to put her maiden name before mine," he explained. "She always told me she wanted me to bless others who were raised by a strong single parent and experienced financial hardship such as I did during my undergrad journey."

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1st Lt. Brittany Jeanice visited several of her college mentors at Northwestern State University to announce she is establishing a scholarship to benefit ROTC cadets who are engaged in student life and activities. From left are Raymond McDowell, instructor of Military Science; Director of Student Activities Yonna Pasch, Health and Human Performance Instructor Cindy Davis, friend and Phi Mu sorority sister Alyssa Jacobs, Jeanice, NSU Development Officers Brittany McConathy, Kimberly Gallow and Jill Bankston and Vice President for the Student Experience Dr. Chris Maggio.

2016 NSU graduate Chantasia Grasty established a scholarship for an international student studying at Northwestern State University. From left are Colombian student Adrian Alfaro, a senior majoring in music education and business; NSU Development Officer Kimberly Gallow, Grasty, Colombian student Carlos Lambis, a sophomore majoring in engineering technology, and Dr. Marcus Jones, NSU's vice president for University Affairs who is a recruiter and advocate for international students.



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Encouraged by his friends Gallow and Matthew Miles, he decided that giving back sooner was better than later.

"I told myself I was going to give back to NSU once I became financially stable in a career, but my experiences and opportunity to work with young males such as myself influenced me to get the ball rolling early and with Kim and Matt pushing me to start, I knew it was time for me to invest in the future," McCray said.

The Jeanice Leadership and Excellence Scholarship will be awarded to a sophomore with a minimum grade point average of 3.2. The recipient must be an active member of NSU's ROTC program and someone the NSU ROTC faculty plan to contract within the year. The recipient must also be involved in two other organizations or teams in addition to ROTC, such as honor societies, Greek organizations, sports teams or residential assistants. Jeanice requested that NSU military science faculty collaborate with the dean of students and director of Student Activities to determine the best recipient.

"The ROTC program at NSU will always be a second home to me," said Jeanice, who is currently deployed in Iraq. "While a cadet at NSU ROTC, I grew in self confidence and gained tactical and technical skills that I would have not learned otherwise. Since leaving, I've been able to use those skills to aid in daily operations and help develop my skills as a leader."

Jeanice graduated from NSU in May 2013 with a bachelor's degree in exercise science. Besides ROTC, she was involved with and held offices the Student Activities Board, Phi Mu, Blue Key and Purple Jackets and was a Freshman Connector and Demon VIP. Upon graduation, Jeanice was commissioned as a second lieutenant and has since been promoted to first lieutenant. In June, she will be promoted to captain.

Grasty was inspired by her own experiences abroad to establish the gift intended to help enrich the experience of international students studying at Northwestern State.

"Last year I had the opportunity to travel to Cartagena, Colombia, for a research trip and Havana, Cuba, for the agreement signing with the universities there," Grasty said.

"This sparked my interest in international student affairs and made me want to understand their culture even more to help international students who want to attend Northwestern. Interacting with this group of individuals allowed me to see their passion to learn and made me want to give back to these students and help them further their education at Northwestern."

A native of Leesville, Grasty graduated from NSU last May with a degree in family and consumer science, minoring in social sciences with a concentration in child development and family relations. As an undergraduate, she was vice president of the Student Government Association and was involved with NAACP, Circle K International and the Presidential Leadership Program.

The Grasty International Scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate international student with a grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

"Going to Colombia and Cuba sparked my interest in international student affairs and helped me understand their culture, economic status and their desire to learn. It made me want to give back to these students, help them further their education and help them adapt to our American culture," Grasty said.

Promoting a sense of awareness is part of the student experience at Northwestern State, where service and experiential learning encourages students to volunteer their time and talents to improve the world around them while providing experience in their chosen disciplines.

"Contributing to service initiatives is part of the culture here at Northwestern State and is an important aspect of developing young adults who will contribute to their communities," said Dr. Chris Maggio, vice president for the Student Experience. "We are proud that Northwestern State is producing graduates who value service, volunteerism and support causes they believe in."

For more information on how to contribute to or initiate a scholarship, contact the Office of University Advancement at (318) 357-4414.

Tri Sigma alumna creates Extra Mile scholarship for Alpha Zeta chapter

An alumna of Northwestern State University's Alpha Zeta Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority created a scholarship that will be presented each year to members who best exemplify the ideals of scholarship, service and character. The Sherry Fargerson Morgan "Extra Mile" Scholarship was announced during the sorority's leadership dedication program on Oct. 22, which took place on conjunction with NSU Homecoming Festivities.

"It meant a lot to be part of a group of young women who were there for me no matter what the need - someone to listen, encourage and love me just the way I am," Morgan said. "Several of my lifetime friends are those I met in Sigma Sigma Sigma. I have been blessed beyond measure and want to give back to a most deserving group of girls who, I know, will strive to do their best and go that 'Extra Mile.'"

Applicants must be initiated members of Alpha Zeta Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma with a 2.75 cumulative and previous semester grade point average. Students must be a full-time student. Sophomore clinical students may also be eligible if they are active members of the chapter at the time of application. Recipients will receive a grant varying from \$500 to \$1,000.



Northwestern State Sigma Sigma Sigma alumna Sherry Morgan created an "Extra Mile" scholarship for members of Alpha Zeta chapter through a donation of \$100,000 to the NSU Foundation. From left are Scholarship Advisor and Tri Sigma Alumna Reatha Cox, David and Sherry Morgan, Jacque Crew, chapter advisor; NSU First Lady and Tri Sigma Alum Tonia Henderson, NSU President Dr. Jim Henderson and Chapter President Abby Hinds of Many.

Recipients are selected through a rigorous application process that awards points for campus and chapter leadership, grades, employment and a series of essay questions. The program seeks to recognize the effort and seriousness that a student displays in pursuit of academic excellence and their commitment to applying themselves in the classroom

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AKA travel scholarship honors Caroline Franklin Hooper

Sisters of a past president of the Eta Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at Northwestern State University are honoring her memory by initiating a travel scholarship for members to attend AKA conferences.

The Caroline Franklin Hooper Eta Chi (AKA) Travel Scholarship will be awarded to a sorority member with a 2.5 or better grade point average. Recipients will receive a one-time award to attend AKA conferences, leadership seminars and Boulé, the sorority's biennial international summer conference. Caroline Franklin Hooper, originally from Mansfield, was a legacy in Alpha Kappa Alpha and served as Eta Chi president. She earned her degree in business administration at Northwestern State in 1986 and worked as an accountant in Dallas. She lost her battle with breast cancer in 2013 at age 40. Her biological sister Barbara Franklin Moham of Dallas initiated the scholarship, emphasizing the importance of AKA in her family, explaining that their mother was a member and several women in the family carried on the AKA tradition of community service, sisterhood and scholarship. Moham elected to designate the scholarship as a travel award because of an incident during her sister's tenure as chapter president. "She wanted everyone in the chapter to go to the 1982 South Central Regional Conference in San Antonio," Moham said. "She used my mom's American Express card to purchase 14 plane tickets without mom knowing. This had been the family joke for years. So in her honor this scholarship is established, the Caroline Franklin Hooper Travel Scholarship."

"The establishment of this scholarship honoring the legacy of the late former alumna and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority member Caroline Franklin Hooper will positively impact



Family and sorority sisters of the late Caroline Franklin Hooper established a scholarship for members of the Eta Chi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha to attend conferences and leadership meetings. Seated from left are Eta Chi Chapter President Liz Schultheis, member Constance Johnson and Chapter Vice President Jordan Brisco. On the back row are NSU Development Officer Kimberly Gallow, NSU President Dr. Jim Henderson, Melinda Franklin Woodley and Barbara Franklin Moham, sisters of the honoree; Madeline Valrie, former chapter graduate advisor; member Chelsea Wynder, Advisor Sheryl Frederick-Walter and member D'Shanti Walker.

members of the sorority far beyond the present," said Madeline Valrie, former graduate advisor to the Eta Chi Chapter.

"The scholarship was announced during an Eta Chi chapter and alumni meeting Oct. 8 and the timing is especially appropriate as October is national Breast Cancer Awareness Month," said Kimberly Gallow, development officer with the NSU Foundation.

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Delta Sigma Theta L.I.F.E. Scholarship marks 10-year Line anniversary

Members of the Iota Mu chapter of Delta Sigma Theta established a scholarship to benefit an African American female attending Northwestern State University. The scholarship was announced during Saturday's Homecoming celebration at NSU where sorority representatives met with administrators and the scholarship's first recipient, Azhani Bennett, a nursing major from Shreveport.

The L.I.F.E. (Ladies Investing in Future Education) award is a minority scholarship established this year through the NSU Foundation by Delta Sigma Theta alumnae commemorating their 10-year Line anniversary.

"A group of ladies decided that in commemoration of our 10-year anniversary we wanted to give back to the university with a scholarship for an African American female who demonstrated a financial need," said Nikki Caesar-Small. The idea came to the group this past summer during a beach reunion when the group in Line 39 discussed doing something distinctive to celebrate their 10th year as members of the Iota Mu chapter of Delta Sigma Theta.

"We wanted to make an impact in a positive way," Caesar-Small said. As each of the 25 members of Line 39 contributed at least \$100, they also sought a partnership with the Bank of Montgomery to secure matching funds to support the scholarship.

Applicants to the L.I.F.E. Scholarship must maintain a grade point average



Alumnae of the Iota Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority partnered with Bank of Montgomery to create a scholarship to benefit an African American female student. Members of Line 39 announced the scholarship and recognized its first recipient during Northwestern State University Homecoming festivities Oct. 22. From left are Bank of Montgomery Vice Presidents Brandy Tilley and Anastasia Christophe, Akilah Issac, NSU Assistant Director of Development Tiffany Chasteen, Shannon Jones, Brandi Milton, Latesha Espy, Azhani Bennett, scholarship recipient; Shaundra Webb, Krystal Jones, Ashunti Pearson, Taesia Shello, Ivy Early, Nikki Small, Ida Henderson, Krystle Johnson, LaKeshia Carey and Elizabeth Allen with NSU First Lady Tonia Henderson and NSU President Dr. Jim Henderson.

of 2.5 or better and preference is given to a student from the Ark-La-Tex.

"Azhani's story was compelling," Caesar-Small said. "We hope to attract other fraternities and sororities in giving back."

"I am extremely grateful to have been chosen to receive this scholarship, being that I am from a middle class family and I do not receive much financial aid," Bennett said. "This scholarship has also helped me realize that all my hard work isn't going unrecognized. When I was able to call my mother and share the great news, it was simply one of the best feelings I have ever experienced. I am tremendously honored and excited just to be considered for the scholarship,

let alone receive it. I thank my family, friends and most importantly Northwestern for this opportunity."

"We are grateful to this group of women for choosing to commemorate an important milestone in their sisterhood by supporting students," said Assistant Director of Development Tiffany Chasteen. "Many of our students face financial uncertainties and through this gift Azhani has been given a tremendous opportunity to continue her studies."

For information on creating a scholarship through the NSU Foundation, visit northwesternalumni.com or contact Chasteen at (318) 357-5213 or chasteent@nsula.edu.

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"It has been a pleasure working with Mrs. Moham and her sister Melinda in creating this scholarship," Gallow said. "Because of this scholarship, many members of the Eta Chi Chapter will be touched significantly. Their gift demonstrates the dedication and devotion their family has to the Eta Chi chapter."

Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1908. There are approximately 65,000 active members in the international organization with program targets that address education, health, family strengthening, environmental ownership and global impact.

Eta Chi Chapter was chartered at NSU on October 13, 1973, with 12 young ladies. Throughout the years Eta Chi has been enriched the NSU campus as well as the Natchitoches com-

munity. In order to learn about the program targets and to develop more impactful leadership skills the undergraduates participate in regional and national/international conferences and seminars. Most recently they traveled to Houston, Atlanta and to Little Rock, to learn effective ways to address the growing needs of our local community and society as a whole.

"With the cost of registration, travel and housing expenses the Caroline Franklin Hooper Travel Scholarship will supplement these costs and allow more members to participate," Moham said.

For information initiating or contributing to a student scholarship, contact Northwestern State University's Office of Alumni and Development at (318) 357-4414 or email Gallow at gallowk@nsula.edu.

'Bully on the Boards' Billy Reynolds remembered

For 40 years, NBA draftee Billy Reynolds has had his name atop the NSU Demon basketball career scoring list.

Reynolds' 2,009 points from 1973-1977 has been way out of reach for anyone that has ever called Prather Coliseum home. But it appears that four decades later, the long-unchallenged mark may fall early in 2017.

Senior guard Zeek Woodley began this season with a 19.4 career scoring average, just 245 points away from topping Reynolds's record. But that happening will hardly diminish Reynolds' legacy for what he accomplished in Natchitoches as a person and a player.

Demon head coach Mike McConathy was a contemporary of Reynolds, playing for NSU's arch-rival, Louisiana Tech. McConathy's 2,033 career points are second all-time in Louisiana Tech history.

McConathy, who is in his 18th season at Northwestern, speaks with a profound respect when reminiscing about those days and the player known as "Billy the Kid."

"He came to NSU under Tynes Hildebrand and, let me tell you, Billy was a phenomenal scorer, rebounder, and just a great, great overall player," McConathy said. "I've always had great respect for him because he was just a really tough player that did such a great job in all areas of the game, and he was a special young person as well."

McConathy will forever remember his shootouts with

Reynolds, especially when harkening back to their final battle in Ruston on Feb. 28, 1977, a date that has left their playing careers infinitely intertwined.

"Billy and I have an interesting connection," McConathy said. "Both of us completed our careers on the same night, he for Northwestern State and myself at Louisiana Tech, and that night in Ruston, both of us went over the 2,000-point milestone. It was quite a feat for both of us as players."

Scoring wasn't the only aspect where Reynolds shined. To go along with his silky offensive touch, Reynolds was also a bully on the boards. He nabbed 1,150 rebounds over his career, which is second all-time in Demon history.

"He was just such a special player. He did all the little things right. He knew how to get great position in order to score or rebound, and was just a really, really solid player."

—Coach Mike McConathy

Hildebrand, a 2014 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame inductee, recognized Reynolds' potential when he first recruited him out of Calhoun High School.

"Billy was 6-5 or 6-6, and very strong physically," said Hildebrand, head coach of the Demons for 16 seasons. "He grew up working. In fact, when we were recruiting him, he was employed at a truck stop, doing anything that was required, and that work isn't easy. But he grew up with a family that was hard working and good people. They had to work for a living. Life wasn't easy, and every day was a work day."

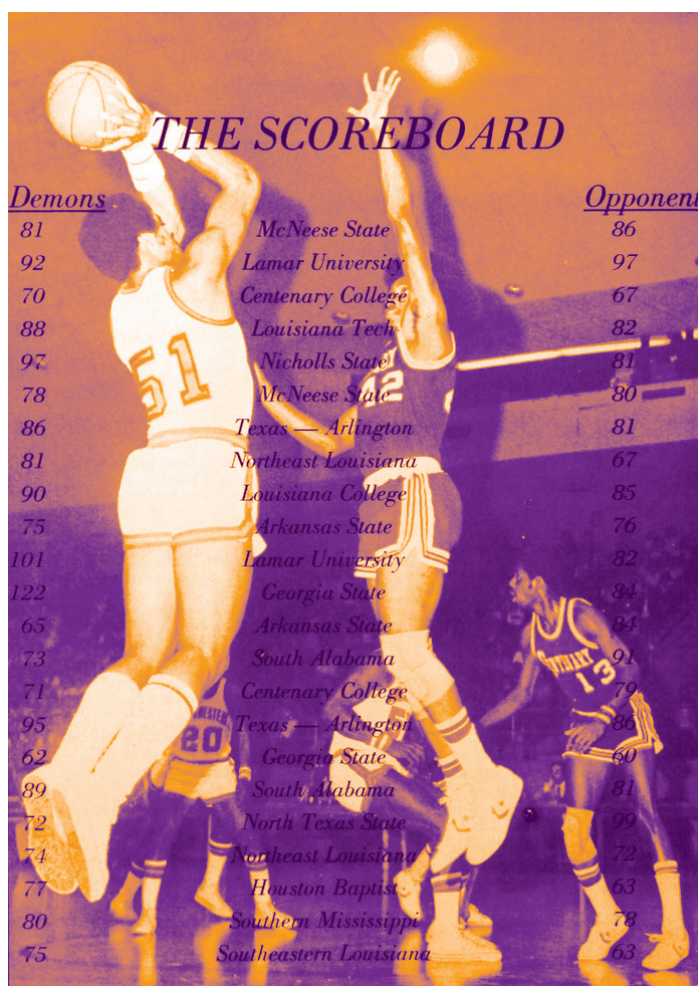
Armed with a work ethic instilled from his parents and a frame that would make Charles Atlas proud, Reynolds developed into a talent that proved unmatched in NSU basketball annals.

Both Mike Gallien, the editor of the Potpourri at the time, and Buddy Wood, a McDonald's High School Basketball All-America nominee, remember Reynolds well. "Billy was as smooth as silk," Gallien said. "He was just a man among boys on the court. He was an excellent ball-handler who could take it to the hoop or bomb it from outside (in the pre-3-point shot era). He was very athletic, a team leader, and overall, a good guy."

"Billy was always smooth and composed," said Wood, who missed very few Demon home games while he attended Hickory Ridge High School. "He had the body of a modern-day physical power forward, but played with the grace of a point guard, and he never seemed to get rattled."

Reynolds continued to develop his skills and get better year after year, all without the benefit of being able to consistently work on his game over the summer, because he would return home to work.

"He was just a youngster that I had great respect for," Hildebrand said. "Every summer, he would go back and work at



THE SCOREBOARD

<u>Demons</u>		<u>Opponent</u>
81	McNeese State	86
92	Lamar University	97
70	Centenary College	67
88	Louisiana Tech	82
97	Nicholls State	81
78	McNeese State	80
86	Texas — Arlington	81
81	Northeast Louisiana	67
90	Louisiana College	85
75	Arkansas State	76
101	Lamar University	82
122	Georgia State	84
65	Arkansas State	94
73	South Alabama	91
71	Centenary College	79
95	Texas — Arlington	86
62	Georgia State	60
89	South Alabama	81
72	North Texas State	99
74	Northeast Louisiana	72
77	Houston Baptist	63
80	Southern Mississippi	78
75	Southeastern Louisiana	63

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35th annual Roper tournament

The Chris Roper Memorial Golf Tournament has turned a tragic event into a catalyst to positively impact dozens of lives, thanks to remarkable commitment by Roper's family and friends at NSU.

The Roper Tournament, staged on a late April weekend each spring since his death in a car accident during the Christmas holiday in 1982, will mark its 35th anniversary this spring. Proceeds are used to fund two scholarships at the university for students majoring in health and human performance.

Chris Roper was the best player on the NSU golf team, an all-conference player in 1981. A native of Camden, Ark., he was beloved by teammates and classmates.

To properly commemorate the 35th event, NSU officials, tournament organizers and the Roper family, spearheaded by his parents, Rick and Mary Roper, aim to make this spring's weekend extraordinary.

For Tom Brassell and other Demon golf teammates of Roper's, along with a larger circle of friends from around NSU in those days that includes current Notre Dame basketball head coach Mike Brey and retired Alabama

baseball coach Jim Wells and his wife Lisa, each year's gathering is stirring. Dozens come back to NSU, and those who can't contribute to the tournament to support the Roper scholarships.

"The weekend of the Roper Tournament is something that we all have 'double circled' on our calendars each year. It's a chance for us to give something back to our university, and to support the parents of our teammate," said Brassell, who comes in from the Florida panhandle each April. "And for all of us, it's really a chance for us to get in the time machine and go back in time every year that we would never otherwise do. We ride around campus, go to the places we used to hang out at and eat at some of the great restaurants in Natchitoches that we could never afford to back in the day."

A Friday evening reception typically extends well past sundown, and the

tee time is graciously set after a late morning lunch at Demon Hills Golf Course. Frivolity has been known to ensue as soon as old pals exchange hugs.

But the underlying joy of the Roper Tournament is rooted in its inspiration and purpose.

"The biggest reason we come back every year is to see the smiles on Rick and Mary's faces and experience the kindness in their hearts by awarding these scholarships to the deserving NSU students," said Brassell. "In doing so, we're able to help keep the memory of Chris alive for the Ropers and for all of us."

"As long as my health allows, I will be back in Natchitoches the last weekend in April every year for The Roper," he said. "And I know 'my boys' will be there with me, too."

Tournament entries are modestly priced and tee sponsorships are available in tiers to provide participation opportunities at various levels. For information on how to get involved as a player or sponsor, contact Jill Bankston of the NSU Foundation staff at bankstonj@nsula.edu or call 318-357-4414.

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that same truck stop to make money for the following year."

As Reynolds' final season for the Demons approached, Hildebrand noticed how his work ethic kept increasing as the idea of the NBA became a real possibility.

"When it looked like he could get drafted after his senior year, he really got serious about his school and his basketball. He was just dedicated to the game. And as he continued to develop into an NBA prospect, he really became a fantastic shooter, especially from the corner. He wasn't good, he was great."

—Tynes Hildebrand

Reynolds had a career year during his senior campaign. He averaged 26.4 points per game, wiping out Jimmy "Red" Leach's 18-year-old Demon record and setting a scoring average standard that might never be bettered. Reynolds set a single-season points scored record with 686, a total finally topped by Woodley (in six more games, 32 to 26 for Reynolds) two seasons ago. Reynolds also averaged 12.1

rebounds as a senior while leading the Demons to a 17-9 record in 1976-77 under Hildebrand.

"The thing I remember most about Billy was the end of game situations," Hildebrand said. "If we were close, I always knew we had a chance to win because of Billy. He was going to get the winning basket or winning rebound. You could count on him because there really wasn't anyone in the state better than Billy."

Hildebrand, who played for Coach H. Lee Prather as a Demon beginning his college days in 1950, has a first-hand knowledge of the last six decades of NSU basketball. At 85, as he recalls greats such as Leach, Dick Brown, James Wyatt and David Clark, and appreciates the explosive scoring of Woodley and the all-around exceptional performances of Jalan West, Hildebrand says it's tough to envision any player surpassing Reynolds' total package.

"When you look at Billy overall, his ball handling, his shooting, his rebounding along with his teamwork and personality, not to mention the type of person he was, he may always be the best to ever play at Northwestern," Hildebrand said. "You name all the things about a good person, a good basketball player, and you get Billy Reynolds."

Guess Who



Nine students in the 1997 Lady of the Bracelet pageant competed in a "Viva Las Vegas" themed event that included elaborate backdrops, showgirls and an Elvis impersonator and was broadcast on NSU 22. Can you name the contestants pictured above during their final presentation with the 1996 LOB?

Submit answers by emailing jacksonl@nsula.edu or calling (318) 357-4553.

Answer to the Fall Guess Who

Will Hooper was NSU's first Homecoming King, sharing the spotlight with Queen Molly Beach. The two were pictured being crowned by 2000 Homecoming Queen Virginia Dixon and NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. Those who answered correctly are as follows:

Virginia Dixon Monceret (2001), New Roads
Jason Campbell (2002), Natchitoches
Layne Janet (2001), Plaquemine
Stephanie Hennigan (2006), Lake Charles
Misty Martin (2002), Shreveport
Stacey Brunet (2003), Lafayette

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and in life outside the classroom by going the extra mile.

The award mirrors a similar one established at NSU in 2008 by Morgan's husband, David Morgan, who initiated the Pi Kappa Phi Extra Mile scholarship for outstanding and high achieving members of NSU's Beta Omicron Chapter. Morgan created the program to inspire students to pursue excellence in academics, campus and chapter leadership, service and employment.

"As someone who works with college students on a daily basis, I am thankful for donors like Sherry Fargerson Morgan, who make it possible for those students, who go above and beyond, to be rewarded for their efforts," said Kat Gillan (1999, 2002), a Sigma Sigma Sigma alumna. Gillan is director of Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of Alabama. "Having personally benefited from involvement specific scholarships as an undergraduate, the additional financial assistance made it possible for me to stay involved on campus while completing my degree. I see the Extra Mile scholarship as an opportunity to recognize those students who are making a difference at Northwestern State University. I hope students who are recipients of this award recognize its value and continue to give back to NSU as they pursue their degree and beyond."

"This scholarship will help deserving young women, those who excel in character, service, conduct, scholarship and work ethic," said Chapter Advisor Reatha Cox.

Mrs. Morgan said that her life is defined by the Bible verse Ephesians 3:20: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us" and by the philosophy that to whom much is given much is expected.

For information on support student scholarships through the NSU Foundation, visit northwesternalumni.com or call (318) 357-4414.

Planning to visit Natchitoches?

If you are planning a visit to campus, be sure to visit natchitoches.com to help plan your itinerary.

There are always activities, events, exhibits and attractions that appeal to visitors that take place year-round in Natchitoches and Cane River Country.



Looking Back



In Memory

1941 – Marie Norris Wise, Sept. 22, 2016, Sulphur

1949 – Elizabeth “Bettye Anne” Hawkins Millican, Oct. 18, 2016, Gold River, California

1952 – Huey P. Hinckley, January 27, 2016, Santa Monica, California

1954 – Mayo Keator Prud’homme – Nov. 3, 2016, Natchitoches

1957 – Dr. Grady Harper, Sept. 15, 2016, Natchitoches

1958 – James Lyndwind Bruning Sr., Nov. 12, 2016, Natchitoches

1958 – Dr. Donald Ray Nelson, Oct. 27, 2016, Ruston

1960 – Dr. A. Edwina Thedford, Sept. 1, 2016, Arkadelphia, Arkansas

1964 – Glenda Turner Salter, Nov. 10, 2016, Florien

1981 – Will James, Sept. 13, 2016, Natchitoches

1985 – Peggy Jo Middleton, March 22, 2016, Pollock

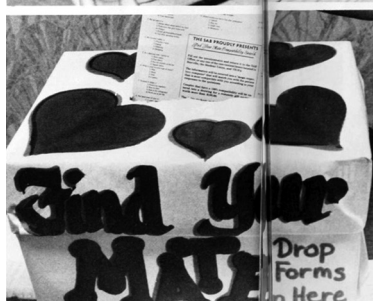
1988 – Humberto Guerrero Jr., Sept. 21, 2016, Plano, Texas

David C. Townsend (Dean Emeritus of the College of Business), March 23, 2016, Huntsville, Texas

Dr. Tom Burns (Professor Emeritus and former vice president of Academic Affairs), Oct. 30, 2016, Natchitoches



Derrell Watts and Terri Savage celebrate winning Mate search with Mariner's from SA



Questionnaires were tabulated and the results fed into SAB's "mega, super, love computer" which matched students according to their responses. Drop boxes for the Find-Your-Mate questionnaire could be found all over campus.

The 1992 Potpourri asked the question:

Can a computer find true love or would it create a disaster between two incompatible people?

The Student Activities Board asked the question with the “Find Your Mate Compatibility Search” for Valentine’s Day. In a precursor to modern online dating sites, the search was done through questionnaire that asked information ranging from pet peeves and best assets to favorite holidays, movies and music. Once filled out, forms were collected by SAB and entered into a “mega, super love computer” that paired people with the most compatible matches. As the findings were posted, students’ reactions ranged from shock to laughter. Of the top 10 couples who received the highest compatibility, one twosome – Terri Savage and Derrell Watts -- was randomly selected to win the grand prize. The two were surprised when they met on Valentine’s Day; they already knew each other but never guess they would be compatible. They dined at Mariner’s a few days later.

In the 1992 Love Connection, questionnaires were tabulated and the results fed into SAB’s “mega, super love computer,” which matched students according to responses.

NSU ATHLETIC REUNIONS

Plans are developing for reunions to commemorate championship anniversary seasons for NSU sports teams in 2017, along with the annual NSU basketball alumni gatherings.



Members of Demon baseball conference championship teams in 1957, 1967 and 1997 will gather on a spring weekend matching a home Southland Conference series for today's ballclub.



For Lady Demon basketball alumni, new head coach Jordan Dupuy is planning a gathering along with a Saturday home game in February that will feature legendary head coaches Pat Nolen Pierson and James Smith. They were colleagues coaching the Lady Demons' 1987 Gulf Star Conference champions.



Two championship football teams will reunite this fall: the 1957 Gulf States Conference winners, and the 1997 Southland Conference co-champions.



Also set for a gathering this fall is the first championship soccer squad at NSU, the 1997 Southland Tournament champions.



Track and field conference championship teams from 1957 and 1987 will be invited for special recognition, either at the Leon Johnson NSU Invitational meet this April, or for a home football weekend in the fall.

Competitors, coaches, staff and classmates and supporters of the teams are invited to participate.

For information, contact Dr. Haley Taitano, associate athletics director,
at blounth@nsula.edu or by calling 318-357-4278.
As plans are set, information will be provided at NSUDemons.com online.